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MASON FAMILY PAPERS
1833-1931

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INTRODUCTION

The Mason Family Papers (1833-1931) are centered around the Mason, Fuqua, and McFarland families of Davidson, Rutherford, and Wilson counties, Tennessee. The Mason Family Papers are a gift of Mrs. Carrie Cobb through the agency of Mrs. Jack Hailey of Donelson, Tennessee.

The materials in this finding aid measure .84 cubic feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Mason Family Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Mason Family Papers, containing approximately 466 items, span the period 1833-1931, although the bulk is largely concentrated on the years 1895-1926. The collection concerns the Mason, Fuqua, and McFarland families and is composed of applications, cards, certificates, correspondence, deeds, financial records, genealogy, handbills, lists, newspaper clippings, notes, photographs, publications, and writings.

The bulk of the collection is composed of correspondence concerning the Mason and Fuqua families. The correspondence in this collection is routine in nature, containing family news, travels, and crops. Of particular interest in the correspondence are letters from Don Mason, who served in the Army during World War I, concerning conditions and events at the various camps where he was stationed. The details in these letters are mostly personal with very little mention of military events.

Also of interest is correspondence between Martin Fuqua and Elizabeth Ford concerning the death of Victoria Ford in 1901.

Of interest are the letters between Martin Fuqua and Sue Mason. These letters begin as friendship letters, which then lead to courtship letters and eventual marriage.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Applications – New York Life Insurance, n.d.
2. Cards – General, 1900-1914
3. Cards – Greeting and Sympathy, 1927, 1931
4. Cards – Holiday, B-H, 1913-1930
5. Cards – Holiday, L-Y, 1917-1930
6. Cards – Postcards, n.d.
7. Certificates – Guarantee, 1845-1915
8. Clippings – Newspapers, n.d.
9. Correspondence – A-E, 1902-1930
10. Correspondence – Fi-Fr, 1898-1904
11. Correspondence – Fuqua, Bill – 1904
12. Correspondence – Fuqua, James L. – 1910-1931
13. Correspondence – Fuqua, M.B. – 1902-1903
14. Correspondence – Fuqua, Martha – 1904, 1911
15. Correspondence – Fuqua, Martin T. – 1895-1906
16. Correspondence – Fuqua, Sue – 1904 – 1906
17. Correspondence – Fuqua, Watkins Walker – 1904, 1910
18. Correspondence – G-Mc, 1901-1932
19. Correspondence – Mason, Carrie E., 1905-1906
20. Correspondence – Mason, Don, 1906-1918

Box 2

1. Correspondence – Mason, Horace – 1911
2. Correspondence – Mason, J.S. – 1908-1911
3. Correspondence – Mason, Luella – 1905-1906
4. Correspondence – Mason, Silene - 1917
5. Correspondence – Mason, Walter – 1908-1909
6. Correspondence – May-Morrow, B.L. – 1901-1906
7. Correspondence – Morrow, Ruth – 1906-1908
8. Correspondence – Moyer-S – 1900-1918
9. Correspondence – T-W – 1901-1913
10. Correspondence – Author unknown, 1902-1919
11. Financial Documents – Cancelled checks – 1915-1925
12. Financial Documents – Receipts – 1897-1916
13. Genealogical Data – McFarland and Mason Families – 1833-1896
14. Land Records – Deeds – C.G. Gleaves & John Cruaup to W.A. McFarland - 1862
15. Land Records – Deeds – W.N. Mason to W.A. McFarland – n.d.
16. Land Records – Deeds – John Cruaup to W.A. McFarland – 1871
17. Land Records – Deeds – W.W. Evans & H.H. Carter to J.S. Mason - 1873

18. Land Records – Deeds – J.S. Mason to E.J. Jordan - 1897
19. Land Records – Quit claim – William N. Mason to James Mason – n.d.
20. Lists – Miscellaneous – n.d.
21. Notes – Miscellaneous – 1904-1926
22. Photographs, drawings, etc. – Miscellaneous - 1914
23. Printed materials – Advertisements – Sale of land - 1905
24. Printed materials – Booklets – Union Church of Coopertown – n.d.
25. Printed materials – Booklets – Miscellaneous – n.d.
26. Writings – Poems – n.d.